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Above-Average Number of Maine Persons Working Part-Time for Economic Reasons

More than 1.2 million New Englanders were employed on a part-time basis during 1986. Of this number, 185,000 were working part-time for economic reasons. These data, as well as other labor force, employment, and unemployment data for states and major metropolitan areas, are available annually from the Current Population Survey conducted by the Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

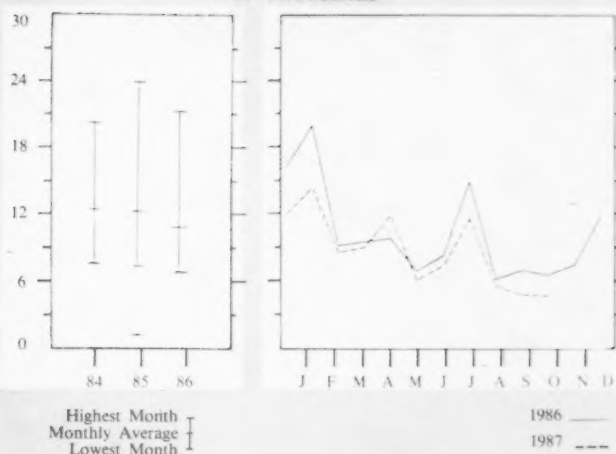
During 1986, approximately 14 percent of all New Englanders who were working part-time were doing so involuntarily because of economic reasons. Economic reasons include: the inability to find full-time work, material shortages, slack work, and repairs to plant and equipment. Nationally, more than 26 percent of part-timers were on less than full-time schedules for economic reasons. Within New England, Maine, with over 27 percent of the total part-time employed desiring work on full-time schedules, had the highest percentage of involuntary part-time workers. Connecticut recorded the lowest percentage of these workers in the region, at 12 percent.

There were sharp differences in the incidence of part-time employment between men and women. Within New England last year, almost 31 percent of all employed women were working part-time, 88.3 percent of them voluntarily. Among employed men in the region, however, only 10.6 percent were working part-time schedules, with less than one quarter of them working part-time because of economic reasons. Nationally, a somewhat smaller percentage of women and a larger percentage of men were on part-time schedules during 1986 than was the case in New England.

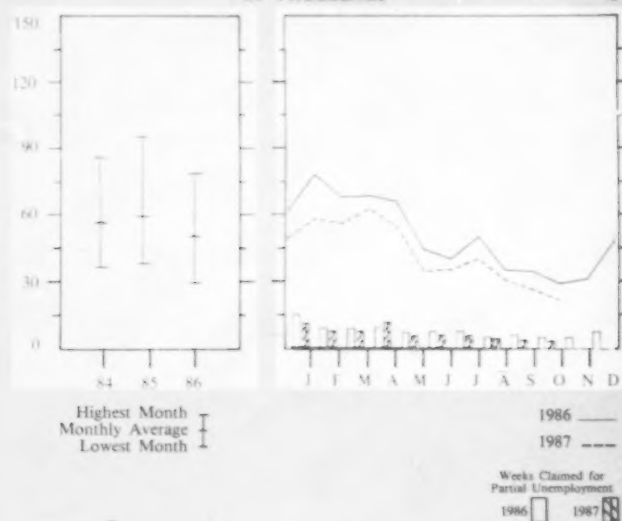
Among the New England states, voluntary part-time employment was most prevalent in Massachusetts with 18 percent of the workforce choosing less than a 35-hour work schedule. In total, 17.1 percent of all employed New Englanders and 13.9 percent of all workers nationwide were on voluntary part-time schedules last year.

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UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands

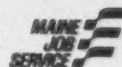


Distribution of Total Employment by Full- and Part-Time Status 1986 Annual Averages

Employment Status	Mass.	Conn.	R.I.	Maine	N.H.	Vt.	N.E.	U.S.
Total Employment (000)	2,934	1,674	490	533	546	279	6,455	109,598
Full-Time Schedules (%)	79.5	81.1	79.8	78.1	82.4	79.6	80.0	81.0
Part-Time for Economic Reasons (%)	2.5	2.3	3.7	6.0	2.2	3.9	2.9	5.1
Voluntary Part-Time (%)	18.0	16.6	16.5	15.9	15.4	16.5	17.1	13.9

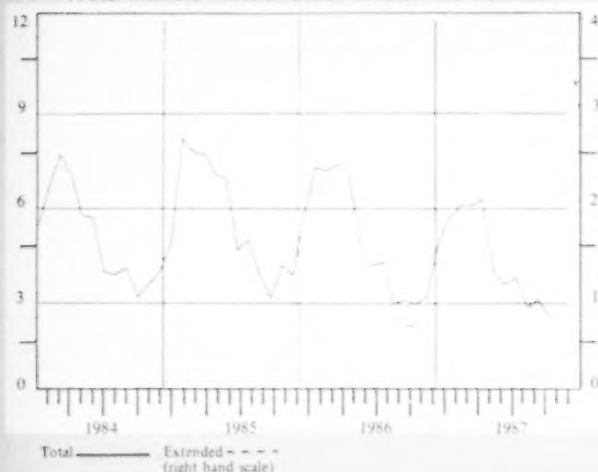


Selected Employment Security Activities



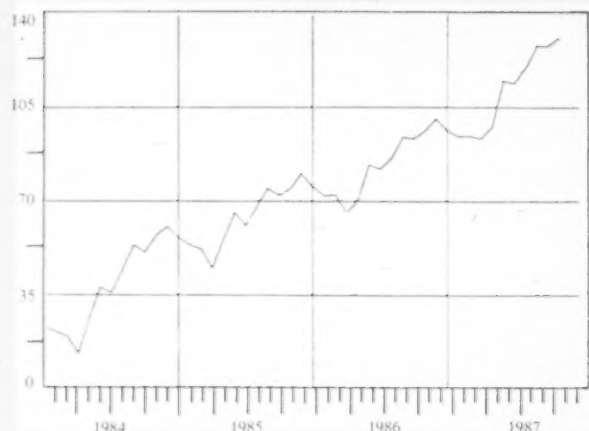
UI Benefit Payments in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



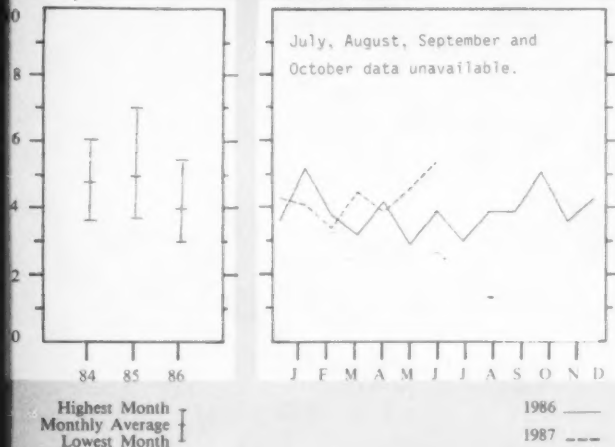
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	509.0	509.9	490.5	124.6	123.2	119.3	39.0	38.6	38.6
Total Manufacturing	104.6	104.2	105.5	15.8	15.7	16.5	9.8	9.8	10.1
Durable Goods	48.6	47.9	47.4	7.8	7.6	8.3	2.8	2.7	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.0	14.0	14.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.8	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.0	4.0	2.4	2.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.7	10.4	10.4	3.3	3.3	3.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 3/	11.0	10.8	10.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 4/	5.1	4.9	4.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.0	56.3	56.1	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.0	7.1	7.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.4	7.6	8.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.2	6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel	3.5	3.6	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	16.9	17.0	17.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.0	4.9	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.3	3.5	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.6	1.5
Leather and Leather Products	12.1	12.2	12.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	10.1	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.7	1.8
Other Leather Products	2.0	2.1	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.4	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 5/	1.3	1.3	1.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	404.4	405.7	385.0	108.8	107.5	102.8	29.2	28.8	28.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	31.4	31.4	29.9	8.5	8.4	7.6	2.1	2.1	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.8	20.0	20.0	6.3	6.4	6.1	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	24.7	24.8	23.2	9.0	8.9	8.7	1.9	1.9	2.1
Retail Trade	102.0	104.2	94.4	27.8	27.8	26.2	7.5	7.4	7.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.1	24.2	23.1	12.2	12.2	11.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Services	109.5	111.0	103.6	29.8	29.9	27.9	10.1	9.9	10.0
Government	92.8	90.0	90.7	15.2	13.9	15.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
Federal	18.5	18.4	17.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 6/	74.3	71.6	73.0	13.4	12.1	13.3	3.7	3.6	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months, whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

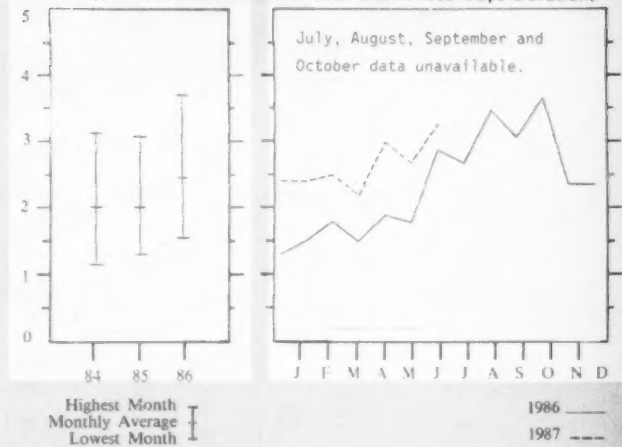
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New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1986	1985	1984
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$370.40	\$374.13	\$355.25	41.9	40.1	40.6	\$8.84	\$9.33	\$8.75	\$8.65	\$8.40	\$8.05
Durable Goods	357.83	355.93	343.88	42.7	41.1	40.6	8.38	8.66	8.47	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products	336.13	331.24	313.60	40.4	39.2	40.0	8.32	8.45	7.84	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals	368.06	388.40	356.51	42.6	40.0	41.6	8.64	9.71	8.57	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical	432.91	417.70	379.82	46.6	45.7	39.4	9.29	9.14	8.64	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	333.26	326.01	308.32	42.4	40.1	38.3	7.86	8.13	8.05	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods	374.82	377.92	388.25	44.2	42.8	42.9	8.48	8.83	9.05	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods	381.41	389.65	364.18	41.1	39.2	40.6	9.29	9.94	8.97	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	278.32	259.20	249.66	39.2	36.1	36.5	7.10	7.18	6.84	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products	309.00	277.02	300.17	41.2	34.2	42.1	7.50	8.10	7.13	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel	244.09	234.42	225.97	38.5	36.4	38.3	6.34	6.44	5.90	6.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products	631.90	674.63	618.42	46.6	45.9	47.1	13.56	14.73	13.13	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products	240.13	237.76	216.22	37.0	35.7	35.1	6.49	6.66	6.16	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods	325.48	343.14	323.61	39.5	39.9	40.2	8.24	8.60	8.05	8.00	7.51	7.11
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	385.56	378.56	349.68	42.0	41.6	38.3	9.18	9.10	9.13	9.17	8.90	8.08
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	296.46	296.81	278.85	39.9	38.9	39.0	7.43	7.63	7.15	7.19	6.78	6.58

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	269.2	268.8	250.1
Unemployed	9.0	9.7	11.7
(Percent)	3.3%	3.6%	4.7%
Resident Employed	260.2	259.1	238.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (00.0)	345.3	344.4	330.5	331.1
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.3%	
Percent Change from Last December			+4.3%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+4.5%	

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE -Statewide	610.3	612.0	568.9	592.7	594.2	546.6	17.6	17.8	22.3	2.9	2.9	3.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	43,400	42,000	40,800	42,100	40,900	39,100	1,300	1,100	1,700	3.0	2.6	4.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,900	41,300	40,400	40,400	39,800	38,300	1,500	1,500	2,100	3.6	3.6	5.2
Portland MSA	129,600	127,200	119,600	127,300	125,100	117,200	2,300	2,100	2,400	1.8	1.7	2.0
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	135,600	128,100	n/a	133,200	124,900	n/a	2,400	3,200	n/a	1.8	2.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,950	34,110	32,120	32,960	32,840	31,000	990	1,270	1,120	2.9	3.7	3.5
Bath-Brunswick	29,240	28,780	26,460	28,450	27,930	25,820	790	850	640	2.7	3.0	2.4
Belfast	11,480	11,630	10,930	11,000	11,210	10,280	480	420	650	4.2	3.6	5.9
Biddeford	27,660	28,020	25,440	26,930	27,450	24,360	730	570	1,080	2.6	2.0	4.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,510	14,900	12,900	14,260	14,610	12,610	250	290	290	1.7	1.9	2.2
Calais-Eastport	14,020	14,830	13,340	13,080	14,090	12,310	940	740	1,030	6.7	5.0	7.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,430	24,590	21,080	22,130	23,080	19,900	1,300	1,510	1,180	5.5	6.1	5.6
Central Penobscot	2,820	2,670	2,630	2,740	2,570	2,440	80	100	190	2.8	3.7	7.2
Dover-Foxcroft	6,560	6,540	6,600	6,370	6,300	6,190	240	240	410	3.7	3.7	6.2
Ellsworth	24,950	26,100	22,810	24,380	25,520	22,010	570	580	800	2.3	2.2	3.5
Farmington	12,170	12,140	12,140	11,630	11,610	11,410	540	530	730	4.4	4.4	6.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,900	6,360	5,550	5,680	6,080	5,240	220	280	310	3.7	4.4	5.6
Greenville	1,310	1,350	1,240	1,260	1,310	1,170	50	40	70	3.8	3.0	5.6
Houlton	6,100	6,680	5,890	5,910	6,440	5,570	190	240	320	3.1	3.6	5.4
Kittery-York 3/	30,920	30,860	28,290	30,660	30,610	27,990	240	250	300	0.8	0.8	1.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,260	5,510	5,250	5,080	5,300	4,950	180	210	300	3.4	3.8	5.7
Livermore Falls	4,760	5,030	4,620	4,510	4,800	4,360	250	230	260	5.3	4.6	5.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,020	4,260	3,630	3,670	3,990	3,380	350	270	250	8.7	6.3	6.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,360	4,320	4,270	4,110	4,130	3,990	250	190	280	5.7	4.4	6.6
Norway-Paris	12,270	12,090	11,520	11,900	11,740	10,950	370	350	570	3.0	2.9	4.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,530	2,780	2,450	2,400	2,670	2,300	130	110	150	5.1	4.0	6.1
Rockland	19,070	19,240	16,830	18,690	18,890	16,240	380	350	590	2.0	1.8	3.5
Rumford	8,820	8,860	7,980	8,500	8,450	7,250	320	410	630	3.6	4.6	7.9
Sanford	16,900	16,730	15,330	16,530	16,270	14,720	370	460	610	2.2	2.7	4.0
Sebago Lakes Region	13,830	14,020	12,450	13,570	13,640	12,110	260	380	340	1.9	2.7	2.7
Skowhegan	24,690	25,070	23,140	23,750	24,070	21,810	940	1,000	1,330	3.8	4.0	5.7
Southwest Penobscot	10,590	10,460	10,530	10,060	9,950	9,900	530	510	630	5.0	4.9	6.0
Waterville	23,300	23,500	22,770	22,680	22,820	21,790	620	680	980	2.7	2.9	4.3
OTHER												
NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,795.5	1,759.4	n/a	1,744.8	1,702.8	n/a	50.7	56.6	n/a	2.8	3.2
Massachusetts	3,097.0	3,053.0	3,037.7	3,014.0	2,969.0	2,935.1	84.0	84.0	102.6	2.7	2.8	3.4
New Hampshire	n/a	600.5	570.0	n/a	588.1	557.1	n/a	12.4	12.9	n/a	2.1	2.3
Rhode Island	524.7	522.6	518.5	509.2	506.6	501.7	15.5	16.0	16.8	3.0	3.1	3.2
Vermont	301.8	296.2	298.3	291.1	287.7	286.1	10.7	8.5	12.2	3.5	2.9	4.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,879.8	6,752.8	n/a	6,690.4	6,529.4	n/a	189.4	223.4	n/a	2.8	3.3
UNITED STATES 4/	120,744	119,884	118,699	113,898	113,027	110,857	6,845	6,857	7,842	5.7	5.7	6.6

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnote:

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the right town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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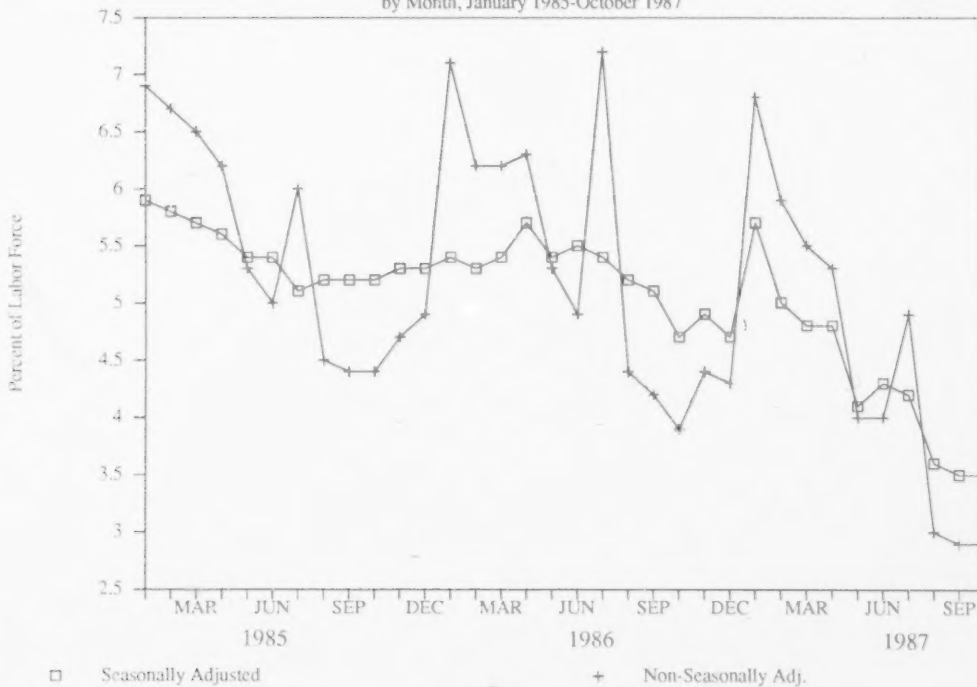
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	3,783	4,205	5,854	431	487	634	382	446	600
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Unemployment Rates in Maine

by Month, January 1985-October 1987



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